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History will be made

Election. Tories hoping for a 12th consecutive majority government

One way or another, Alison Redford makes history on Monday night.

Win the Alberta election and she is the first elected female premier in the province, heading up a party that has run things for four decades and will soon shatter the record for longest-serving government in Canadian history.

Lose and she's Harry Strom, the forgotten scapegoated premier of the Alberta Social Credit government when it fell to the Tories in 1971.

Redford, speaking at a weekend party rally, said she is pushing ahead and doesn't feel the weight of history.

"This is a campaign about Alberta's future," she said.

The Wildrose party, under leader Danielle Smith, have fashioned an electable alternative by capitalizing on discontent over deficit budgets, long health-care wait times, onerous land-use rules, and perceived political greed on salary and perks.

Some polls have had them ahead by more than 15 points, though that lead appears to have slipped somewhat recently.

If the Wildrose wins, it will defeat a colossus whose history can only be told in large numbers and superlatives.

The PCs have held power in Alberta for 14,847 days — 40 years and almost eight months. That's 1.3 trillion seconds for those so chronologically inclined. Should they win a 12th consecutive majority government, they will be on track to make history.

When the next election rolls around, they will have been in power close to 45 years, ahead of the 1882-1925 Nova Scotia Liberals (43 years) and the 1943-1985 Ontario PCs (42 years).

But political observers say the 40-year milestone has now become a bit of a millstone.

"It's been monolithic control of the machinery of government by one political party for over 40 years," said political scientist Chaldeans Mensah, with Grant MacEwan University.

"That creates its own political culture, it creates a network of connections, it creates a political ethos in terms of how things are done."

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Vancouver Canucks' Dan Hamhuis hangs his head after losing to the Los Angeles Kings during the first overtime period of Game 5 in Vancouver on Sunday. Los Angeles won the series 4 games to 1. More on page 32. DARRYL DYCK /THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Multiple charges

Alleged Vancouver rioter also wanted in Calgary

One of the most recognizable alleged Stanley Cup rioters has a history of hockey-related mischief, according to Vancouver police.

Police announced that 38-year-old Andrew Comber was arrested in his home in Salmon Arm, B.C., Saturday on charges including participating in a riot, mischief and arson.

The VPD's Integrated Riot Investigation Team says Comber is also wanted in Alberta for multiple charges stemming from a 2004 incident following a Calgary Flames hockey game. Charges from that incident include assaulting a peace officer, obstructing a peace officer, resisting arrest, thefts and mischief.

The Southern Alberta Integrated Fugitive Apprehension Unit is expected to escort Comber back to Alberta this week to face charges.

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Fatal collision

Possible hit-and-run leaves woman dead in Lethbridge

Lethbridge police believe they may have a fatal hit-and-run on their hands after the body of a woman was found just after midnight Sunday.

Investigators were still attempting to identify the victim and notify her next of kin Sunday afternoon, but did indicate in a release it appears a vehicle struck her. Her body was found lying in the westbound lanes of Highway 3 near the Scenic Drive overpass just after midnight.

Investigators had yet to release a description of any suspect vehicles Sunday evening. METRO

A bus passes through Cranston on Sunday afternoon. Ongoing Calgary Transit struggles have led some aldermen to suggest partnerships with developers may be only way to continue offering service in outlying communities. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Future transit could hinge on developer deals

Commute. Aldermen say outlying communities where service is needed most

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Two Calgary aldermen are hoping to put the wheels in motion on future developer partnerships that could see bus service offered in new, outlying communities.

To date, three communities — Sage Hill, SkyView Ranch and McKenzie Towne — have used such agreements to service commuters during peak hours. Each sees a developer fork over funds to cover operating costs for service until such time as the community meets a suitable population to sustain a city-funded route.

Aldermen Gord Lowe and Diane Colley-Urquhart will bring forward a notice of motion Monday exploring options such as establishing a fund specifically for such agreements.

"Typically, it's young families who move out there — they rely on transit to get to work," said Lowe, who has long lamented council doing away with certain transit revenue-generating practices, such as the $3 park-and-ride fee at LRT lots.

Jeremy Barretto, co-founder of civic action group TransitCamp, said while developer partnerships are a creative method to improve service, he believes council is sending mixed messages to transit planners.

"On the one hand, they're saying, 'We want you to offer citywide service.' ... At the same time, they want transit to recover 55 per cent of their operating costs through the fare box," he said. "You can't do that in a city like Calgary; it's near impossible without offering different levels of service."

Ald. Jim Stevenson said he supports the partnership in his ward between transit and Walton Development and Management in SkyView Ranch, but added it does little for off-peak travellers.

"While they (residents) are certainly appreciative, it's not ideal," he said.

Three-year moratorium

- **During last year's city budgeting process,** council moved to establish a three-year moratorium to expanding Calgary Transit service to new communities.
- **As an example,** Walton Development and Management pays around $260,000 annually to cover transit service to SkyView Ranch.

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Look out for it

Hidden heroes

This masked man is one of Canada's real-life superheroes. Get to know him and the superhero movement in tomorrow's Metro.

Mobile news

Meow, a super-sized orange and white tabby, can't help but waddle. Tipping the scale at nearly 40 pounds, the two-year-old cat has been given to a New Mexico shelter by his 87-year-old owner, who can no longer provide adequate care. Now, the shelter has vowed to whip the feline into shape. Scan the code for the story.

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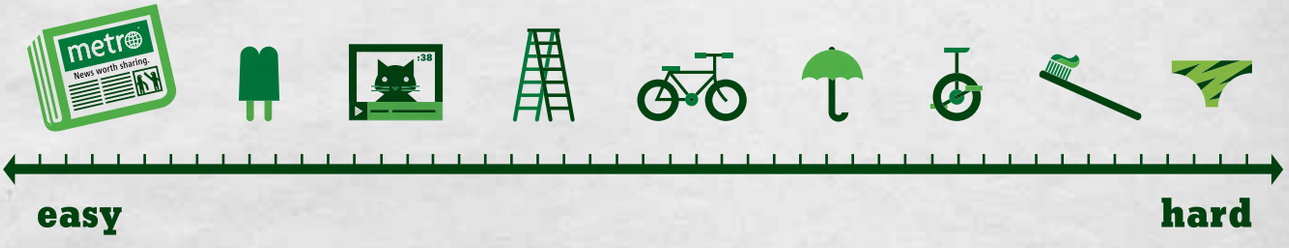

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Calgary-Buffalo Liberal candidate and current MLA Kent Hehr shakes hands along 17th Avenue on the final full day of campaigning ahead of the Alberta election. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Last-ditch effort made for votes on sunny Sunday

Campaign. Final hours before vote had candidates pounding the pavement

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Candidates vying for votes in Monday's provincial election took advantage of Calgary's balmy weather Sunday to get out and make one last plea to constituents.

In Calgary-Buffalo, Wildrose candidate and former radio personality Mike Blanchard kicked his final full day of campaigning with a rally.

On Monday's ballot he will be pitted up against Liberal incumbent Kent Hehr, Progressive Conservative candidate Jamie Lall, the NDP's Rebecca Eras and the Alberta Party's Cory Mack Wilson.

"There are a handful of Liberals still out there," Blanchard said. "But I don't know how many of them will be left after Monday though."

Lall spent the afternoon hosting a block party.

"It's been so much fun," said the social worker and first-time candidate. "I have met so many great people along the way."

The NDP are hoping for a breakthrough in Calgary, and Eras said she's been surprised by the amount of support she's received.

"We walk around and people just cheer for us," she said.

But Hehr believes ultimately the race will come down to him and Blanchard, going so far as to openly advocate on social media earlier in the week that he was best candidate to direct anti-Wildrose votes toward.

"We are quietly confident," he said Monday, while speaking to constituents at an area pub. "It ain't over until the fat lady sings."

Saddle Lake

Go-cart crash kills boy, 5

Saddle Lake RCMP are investigating after a go-cart collision killed a five-year-old Saturday night.

According to police, witnesses told them a boy was playing with other children around a go-cart around 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Police said the child was unable to control the go-cart and it struck a nearby parked pick-up truck. Nearby adults were also unable to intervene to prevent the collision, police said.

The child was taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead. METRO

Marijuana. Alderman eyes new solutions for city grow-ops

Taking legal action against marijuana growers and even potentially establishing a registry to track those convicted are two measures a Calgary alderman wants city administration to explore.

Ward 12 representative Shane Keating is bringing forward a notice of motion to Monday's city council meeting seeking first to determine when homeowners are charged fees for inspections after their home has been damaged by a marijuana grow-op, and second, what types of action can be taken against perpetrators.

"Quite often, the homeowner is saddled with all the costs," Keating said, adding he's been told a city inspection following remediation efforts runs in the neighbourhood of $5,000.

"If the (costs) are too substantial, some homeowners may not want to report it was a grow-op; put it back on the market and nobody's the wiser."

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Advance ballot turnout to set record: Official

Historic election.
The party that takes Calgary will win, analysts say

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Elections Alberta won't have a definitive total of how many citizens cast a ballot in provincial election advance polls until Monday evening, but anecdotally, the organization believes voter turnout is "way up."

"In the last election, we saw a record turnout (at advance polls), even though we had the lowest overall turnout in the country at 42.2 per cent," Elections Alberta spokesperson Drew Westwater said on Sunday, referring to 64,332 advance ballots cast in 2008.

Recent polls continue to show that the surging Wildrose party is favoured to win in a landslide, an upheaval that would end a Progressive Conservative run of more than four decades and have a ripple effect across the country.

Analysts in recent days have suggested that many of Calgary's 25 seats will be tightly contested and whichever party wins the city is likely to form the next provincial government.

Alberta NDP Leader Brian Mason meets residents at the Chinese Elders Mansion during a campaign stop in Edmonton on Sunday. Advance polls were "way up," Elections Alberta said. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Your candidates. Calgary-Varsity

Liberal: Bruce Payne

Bruce Payne describes himself as a classic Liberal, with a belief in free enterprise and the right of every citizen to pursue success.

NDP: Jackie Seidel

Jackie Seidel grew up in Calgary, Rocky Mountain House and Cochrane, Alta. She holds a B.Ed. from the University of Calgary, an MA in language and literacy education from the University of British Columbia and a PhD from the U of A. She has been a teacher for 21 years.

PC: Donna Kennedy-Glans

Donna Kennedy-Glans was raised on a cattle farm in southwestern Ontario and spent summers working on family farms to fund her undergraduate and legal degrees.

Wildrose: Rob Solinger

Rob Solinger grew up in the riding of Calgary-Varsity and has a background in finance. He has worked in the oil and gas industry for 25 years.

EverGreen: Carl Svoboda

Carl Svoboda has been a resident of Calgary-Varsity since 1975. He is retired after a 32-year career in the oil industry as an engineer and manager.

Your candidates. Calgary-West

NDP: Mary Nokleby

Mary Nokleby retired from teaching in 2001 and for the next eight years ran a bed-and-breakfast from her home near the Foothills hospital.

PC: Ken Hughes

Ken Hughes has a master's in public administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. He is a former MP and the founding chairman of Alberta Heath Services.

Wildrose: Andrew Constantinidis

Andrew Constantinidis earned a business degree at the University of Calgary and an MBA at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He has been married for 24 years and has three children.

Liberal: Wilson McCutchan

No bio available.

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Canada's chief electoral officer Marc Mayrand argues that procedural irregularities shouldn't be sufficient grounds to overturn the results of an election in a potentially precedent-setting court hearing. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Electoral watchdog says no to ex-incumbent

Vote controversy. Chief electoral officer responds to defeated Liberal MP's request to overturn results of vote

Procedural irregularities shouldn't be sufficient grounds to overturn the results of an election, Canada's elections watchdog is arguing in a potentially precedent-setting court hearing.

Chief electoral officer Marc Mayrand makes the argument in a factum filed in response to a defeated Liberal MP's attempt to invalidate the results of last May's election in his Toronto riding.

Borys Wrzesnewskyj maintains at least 181 voters were improperly allowed to cast ballots in Etobicoke Centre, in some cases possibly more than once.

His case stipulates that an elector or candidate may seek to invalidate an election in a riding if "there were irregularities, fraud, corrupt or illegal practices that affected the results of the election."

Mayrand argues that Parliament intended the provision to be applied sparingly.

"It is important that elections not be overturned lightly," he says in the factum.

He says Parliament recognized that "administrative and clerical errors in elections will be common and, indeed, inevitable and it is essential that only those consequential to the result be used to overturn an election."

Wrzesnewskyj's complaint revolves primarily around voters whose names were not on the list of registered voters or who didn't have the proper identification when they showed up to cast their ballots. They were issued registration certificates or had another person vouch for their being qualified voters.

Wrzesnewskyj maintains there were problems with the certificates and vouching records, some of which seem to have gone missing entirely.

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Questionable results

- **Loss.** Borys Wrzesnewskyj lost by just 26 votes to Conservative Ted Opitz.
- **Precedent.** His case marks the first time a court has been required to rule on a contested election using Part 20 of the Canada Elections Act, which was added by Parliament in 2000.

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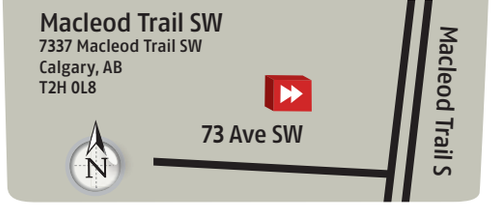

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Rookie MP's story proves power of time

NDP MP Ruth Ellen Brosseau listens to a citizen speak about concerns over float-plane noise in her riding. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Progress. A year later, Ruth Ellen Brosseau is speaking French and plans to run again in the next election

Spend a day with rookie NDP MP Ruth Ellen Brosseau and witness the degree to which someone's life can change in 12 months.

It was a year ago this week that Brosseau was making regular phone calls home from Las Vegas, where she was celebrating her 27th birthday under the bright lights of Sin City. Those calls brought news that turned her life upside down.

"Of course being a mom, I called home all the time and spoke to my son and my family," said Brosseau. "They were kind of like: 'There's, um, stuff going on here, you're kind of in the news a bit for going on your trip.'"

Brosseau, then a campus-bar manager in Ottawa, was hit with a stunner. Her name and photo were splashed all over the national news during Canada's ongoing federal election campaign, during which she emerged as a poster child for the NDP's improbable Quebec surge.

Little did she know that roughly one year later, she would be spending a busy day in a rural Quebec riding — a place to which she had no personal connection — discussing pyrite, float planes, federal summer jobs and an art exhibition with local constituents.

Entering that campaign a year ago, even the term "underdog" would have been charitable to describe Brosseau and a few dozen other Quebec NDP candidates. She hadn't knocked on doors, hadn't spent a dime on her campaign and had never even set foot in the riding she was vying for.

Allegations also spread that Brosseau couldn't speak French, even though the constituency was 98 per cent francophone.

But a so-called "orange wave" rolled in around the same time Brosseau was on that late-April trip. A few days later, that wave swept her to victory in the Berthier-Maskinonge riding, in what was perhaps the biggest upset of the election.

It was while she vacationed in Las Vegas that the first hints of the intense media interest in her story started to sink in. Brosseau read a few of the news stories about her untimely, mid-campaign trip.

She tried, however, to keep herself from reading too much.

"I didn't want to pay too much attention to it because I didn't want to get too stressed," Brosseau said.

She appears to have grown into her new job and given the French lessons she's been taking, original claims about her lack of proficiency in the language now appear exaggerated.

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Demonstrators arrested

Police shut down Montreal protest

Police moved swiftly to shut down a protest in Montreal on Saturday, a day after a series of violent clashes between demonstrators and officers in riot gear created havoc in the downtown core.

Eighty-nine people, some wearing masks and goggles, were arrested after Saturday's protest was declared illegal, said Montreal police spokesman Daniel Lacoursiere.

Demonstrators had gathered in the rain near Old Montreal to denounce a conference on Premier Jean Charest's plan to develop northern Quebec.

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Animal cruelty

Charge laid in B.C. sled-dogs case

A criminal charge has been laid in an animal cruelty case that focused international attention on the practices of the sled-dog industry after the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Robert Fawcett, a former general manager with Howling Dog Tours, based in Whistler, B.C., faces one count of causing unnecessary pain and suffering to dozens of sled dogs in April 2010.

A sled dog rests at a kennel operated by Whistler Outdoor Adventures. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fifty-six dogs were dug up in a mass grave near Whistler after information leaked out in January 2011 through a workers compensation claim of post-traumatic stress disorder.

A Bob Fawcett also posted details on a PTSD website, describing how panicked animals were shot or had their throats slit before being dumped into the grave.

The charges come after a gruesome search and investigation by the RCMP and the Society for Prevention of Cruelty of Animals.

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Socialist opponent leading Sarkozy in presidential vote

French election. Socialist Francois Hollande and conservative President Nicolas Sarkozy will advance to a runoff

Socialist Francois Hollande and conservative President Nicolas Sarkozy are heading for a runoff election in their race for France's presidency.

This according to partial official results in a vote that could alter the European political and economic landscape.

French voters defied expectations and handed a surprisingly strong third-place showing to far-right candidate Marine Le Pen, who has run on an anti-immigrant platform aimed largely at Muslims.

That could boost her influence on the French political scene, hand her party seats in parliament and affect relations with minorities.

With 93 per cent of the vote counted, Hollande had 28.4 per cent of ballots cast and Sarkozy 27 per cent, according to figures released by the Interior Ministry after final polls closed.

Le Pen was in third with 18.3 per cent of the vote so far.

Sarkozy is battling to avoid becoming France's first one term president since Valery Giscard d'Estaing lost to Francois Mitterand in 1981.

Turnout was surprisingly high, projected by polling agencies at about 80 per cent. The top two candidates head to a runoff May 6.

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European impact

"This is an election that will weigh on the future of Europe. That's why many people are watching us."

Socialist candidate Francois Hollande

Democratic primary

At this time in 2008, Obama was still in an epic primary battle against his Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

- This year, Obama's march to the nomination has generated little interest because he has no major primary challenger, no one who made the ballot in more than a handful of states.
- Democratic voters, however, are not unanimously behind the American president. In Oklahoma, anti-abortion protester Randall Terry got 18 per cent of the vote. But some say he's not a real Democrat.

No surprise. President Obama to easily secure Democratic nomination

It's official: U.S. President Barack Obama will clinch the Democratic nomination for president on Tuesday, ending a low-key primary race that many people probably didn't realize was happening.

Obama is certain to reach the 2,778 delegates he needs to secure his party's nod for a second time when five states vote on Tuesday.

He has won almost every delegate so far, with a few exceptions in some Southern states that won't vote Democratic in the fall regardless.

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Barack Obama will clinch party's nomination. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dutch train collision.
Woman dies of injuries, 16 in hospital after crash

A 68-year-old woman died Sunday of injuries a day after two trains collided head-on in Amsterdam — a crash a top rail official described as one of the worst train disasters in the Netherlands' recent history.

Scores of people were injured when the two trains slammed into one another. Amsterdam Mayor Eberhard van der Laan said 16 people who were seriously injured in the crash remained hospitalized Sunday afternoon. He gave no details of the injuries.

The crash Saturday evening involved a double-decker intercity train and a commuter train.

"Two trains colliding on the same track is a nightmare," said Bert Meerstadt, director of national railroad operator NS, before news of the woman's death.

Meerstadt declined to speculate on what caused the collision. He said crash investigators would study black-box recorders on both trains.

The accident happened near a popular park on a busy stretch of track close to Amsterdam's Central Station where trains generally do not travel at full speed. Two separate investigations will focus on whether human error or a mechanical problem led to the collision.

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Deadly crash

Pakistan orders inspections for private airlines

Pakistan's defence minister says all airplanes operated by private airlines in the country must undergo a new technical inspection.

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar's comments Sunday come two days after a passenger jet crashed as it tried to land in a thunderstorm at the main airport in the capital, Islamabad, killing all 127 on board.

It was the second major air disaster involving a private airline in Pakistan in less than two years.

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Myanmar's elected lawmakers refuse seats over dispute

Protest. Democracy party to boycott opening session of Parliament over constitutional oath that enshrines military power

Myanmar pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi leaves her National League for Democracy party after a meeting at the party's headquarters last Friday in Yangon. KHIN MAUNG WIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi and the rest of her party's newly elected lawmakers will not attend Monday's opening session of Parliament because they object to wording in their oath of office, which says they must "safeguard" the constitution, party officials said Sunday.

Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party wants to see the constitution changed because it enshrines military power and came into force in 2008 during an era of iron-fisted army rule.

The absence from parliament of Suu Kyi and 42 other elected lawmakers who won historic April 1 byelections was expected. The party had already said it would not attend the assembly session until the issue is resolved.

Suu Kyi's party wants phrasing in the lawmakers' oath changed from "safeguard the constitution" to "respect the constitution."

Party officials have played down the problem, saying they still expect the lawmakers to attend the assembly, possibly this week or next. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Uneasy democracy

Fighting military influence

The oath is in an appendix to the constitution, and it is unclear whether it can be changed without the approval of 75 per cent of parliament.

The constitution automatically allocates 25 per cent of the parliamentary seats to unelected representatives of the military, and Suu Kyi's party maintains that is undemocratic.

The document also bars people from the nation's presidency if they or any of their relatives are foreign citizens. That effectively prevents Suu Kyi from ascending to the presidency because she married a British national, Michael Aris, who died in 1999. Their two children were born abroad and do not live in Myanmar.

The byelection's outcome, in which the opposition won almost all of the 45 seats up for grabs, was considered a major step toward reconciliation after decades of military rule in Myanmar.

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Brothers charged.
Baltimore attacks may have been racially motivated

Two brothers accused of beating a black teenager while patrolling an Orthodox Jewish neighbourhood are set to go on trial Monday in a case with similarities to the shooting of a black teenager in Florida that has drawn national attention.

The brothers, who are white and Jewish, have claimed self-defence, saying the teen was holding a nail-studded board.

Local civil-rights activists hope the Florida case will draw more attention to what they believe was racial profiling by neighbourhood-watch vigilantes.

Eliyahu and Avi Werdesheim are accused of beating a 15-year-old boy who was walking through a Baltimore neighbourhood in November 2010.

The brothers pulled up next to the teen in a vehicle, then got out and "surrounded him," according to charging documents.

The passenger threw the teen to the ground and the driver hit him in the head with a hand-held radio and patted him down.

The teen remembered the driver yelling, "You wanna (mess) with us, you don't belong around here, get outta here!" according to court documents, which do not identify which brother was driving.

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Case file

The brothers are charged with second-degree assault, false imprisonment and carrying a deadly weapon (the hand-held radio).

- **Potential sentence.** The pair face up to 13 years in prison if convicted on all three counts.
- **Demographics.** The city is 63 per cent black, and the jury will likely have eight or nine black members, so race will be a factor, said Byron Warnken, a University of Baltimore law professor and practising attorney.

Before decline and fall, there was birth

Men dressed as ancient Roman centurions paraded along the Fori Imperiali avenue in front of the ancient Colosseum on Sunday during celebrations of the birth of the city of Rome. Each year Romans celebrate the pagan festival, known as the Christmas of Rome, by dressing up in ancient Roman clothes and parading through the streets surrounding the eternal city's ancient ruins. The event has become a major tourist attraction.

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Fallout

More firings in Secret Service scandal?

The chairman of a House committee investigating an alleged Secret Service prostitution scandal predicted more firings as key lawmakers and President Barack Obama's top re-election adviser expressed confidence Sunday that the agency will effectively deal with the incident. So far, six agents have lost their jobs.

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Political crisis

Aussie Speaker steps down

Australia's parliamentary Speaker temporarily stepped down Sunday amid allegations of sexual harassment and fraud, touching off a political crisis that threatens Prime Minister Julia Gillard's tenuous grip on power.

House of Representatives Speaker Peter Slipper announced Sunday that he will be temporarily replaced by his deputy, Anna Burke.

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Murdoch to testify about political influence in U.K.

Phone-hacking scandal. Media mogul's testimony could discomfit ruling class

Rupert Murdoch's appearance before Lord Justice Brian Leveson's inquiry this week is expected to focus on the network of personal and professional ties that have bound his newspaper and television operations to some of the most senior politicians in the United Kingdom.

Those ties have frequently come under criticism, with many observers saying British politicians were scared of crossing Murdoch because of his company's domination of the British media landscape. But those intimate ties have frayed and snapped since revelations last year that journalists at Murdoch's News of the World tabloid routinely intercepted voicemail messages of those in the public eye. The scandal quickly spread beyond the News of the World to cover an array of other questionable activities by British journalists, as well as police and public officials.

Coulson — a former Murdoch lieutenant drafted as Prime Minister David Cameron's chief media aid — and Murdoch protege Rebekah Brooks both resigned before being arrested as two of the scandal's leading suspects, and Murdoch and his media executive son James have swapped discreet visits to No. 10 Downing Street with confrontational appearances before skeptical lawmakers in Parliament.

Once eager to secure Rupert Murdoch's blessing, Cameron has since ordered the official inquiry, which is calling Murdoch and his son in for at least two full days of testimony starting Tuesday

Although James Murdoch has largely kept his cool, his father has already begun to rattle the cages. In March, Murdoch took to Twitter to trumpet his Sunday Times newspaper's expose of a Conservative Party fundraiser purporting to sell access to the prime minister, saying: "What was Cameron thinking? No-one, rightly or wrongly, will believe his story."

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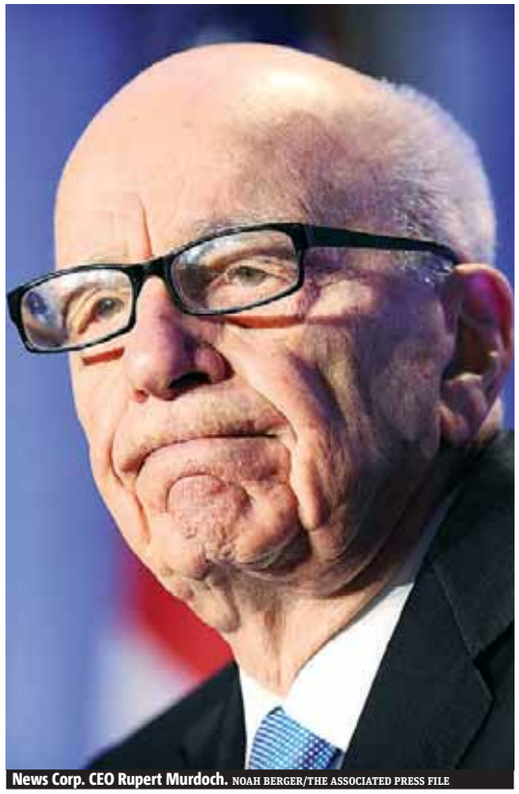
Under fire

"I don't think he thinks that he has very much to lose"

Steve Fielding, Center for British Politics at the University Nottingham



News Corp. CEO Rupert Murdoch. NOAH BERGER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Report. Walmart silent on Mexico bribe scandal

Walmart hushed up a vast bribery campaign that top executives of its Mexican subsidiary carried out to build stores across that country, according to a published report.

The New York Times reported Saturday that Walmart failed to notify law-enforcement officials even after its own investigators found evidence of millions of dollars in bribes.

The newspaper said the company shut down its internal probe despite a report by its lead investigator that Mexican and U.S. laws likely were violated.

The bribery campaign was reported to have first come to the attention of senior executives at Walmart in 2005, when a former executive of its largest foreign subsidiary, Walmart de Mexico, provided extensive details of a bribery campaign it had orchestrated to win market dominance.

The Mexican executive, previously the lawyer in charge of obtaining construction permits, said in emails and follow-up conversations that Walmart de Mexico paid bribes to obtain permits throughout the country in its rush to build stores nationwide, the Times reported.

The newspaper said that only after learning of its investigation did Walmart inform the U.S. Justice Department in December 2011 that it had begun an internal investigation into possible violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Under that law, it is illegal for U.S. corporations and their subsidiaries to bribe foreign officials. Walmart, which is based in Bentonville, Ark., said Saturday that it takes compliance with that law very seriously. It also noted that many of the "alleged activities" in the Times article occurred more than six years ago.

"If these allegations are true, it is not a reflection of who we are or what we stand for," spokesman David Tovar said.

"We are deeply concerned by these allegations and are working aggressively to determine what happened.

Walmart said its latest, ongoing investigation is being handled by outside lawyers and accountants who are experts with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. The company also said it has tightened procedures and expanded training in Mexico to ensure compliance with the law.

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Growth

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Walmart's growth in Mexico has been so rapid that one of every five Walmart stores now is in that country. It is Mexico's largest private employer, with 209,000 employees there.

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Street View comes to Israel

After months of consultations with Israeli security officials, Google has launched its popular Street View service in the country's three largest cities.

The new Street View provides images of ordinary life, contested areas and religious sites in the Holy Land.

Due to security issues, areas around several sensitive sites, such as the military headquarters in Tel Aviv and the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem, are blurred out.

Google Street View is available in more than 30 countries. It was held up in Israel by concerns that images of its streets could be used by terrorists.

The Islamic Jihad militant group in Gaza, for instance, has boasted that it used Google Earth, which gives bird's-eye views and some street-level pictures of sites around the world, to aim rockets at Israel.

Last August, after a panel of government ministers met for six months to draft security guidelines, Israel announced it had reached an agreement with Google.

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A Google Street View camera mounted on a tricycle. VINCE TALOTTA/TORONTO STAR

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Icelandic court to give verdict on bank-crash handling

Financial collapse. Former leader Geir Haarde rejects accusations he was responsible

The man who led Iceland's government when the nation's banks collapsed will learn Monday whether he has been convicted of criminal responsibility for the crisis.

Geir Haarde, the only government leader to face trial because of the global financial crisis, has pleaded innocent to four charges alleging that his negligence in carrying out his duties contributed to the disaster.

He could be sentenced to up to two years in prison if convicted.

The verdicts are to be announced by 15 members of the Landsdomur, a special court founded in 1905 to deal with criminal charges against Icelandic government ministers. This is the first case to be tried by the court.

Iceland's banking sector ballooned to nine times the tiny nation's annual gross domestic product in a decade of boom, before collapsing under the weight of its debts in October 2008.

The country's three main banks collapsed in a single week. Testifying on March 5, Haarde said neither he nor financial regulators knew the real state of Icelandic banks' precarious finances until they collapsed.

"The bankers did not realize that the situation was as dire as it was," Haarde said. "It was not until after the crash that everyone saw it coming."

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Geir Haarde of Iceland. ARNI TORFASON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bubble economy

Geir Haarde, the former leader of Iceland's Independence Party, became a hated symbol of the bubble economy for Icelanders who lost their jobs and homes in the crash.

- **Haarde told the court the banks' size would not have been a problem if not for their recklessness and a worldwide squeeze on credit.**

'Economic war'

Swiss in throes of tax disputes: UBS

Switzerland's tax disputes with the United States and some European nations are "an economic war" putting 20,000 jobs at risk, the CEO of Swiss banking giant UBS AG has been quoted as saying.

Switzerland has recently tried to shed its image as a tax haven, signing deals with the United States, Germany and Britain to provide greater assistance to foreign tax authorities seeking information on their citizens' accounts in the Alpine nation.

But the tax agreements have drawn fire from Switzerland's nationalist People's Party, with some lawmakers saying they will try to block the treaties through referendums.

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Trump Tower

Plans unveiled for luxury complex

U.S. real estate mogul Donald Trump joined Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili on Sunday in unveiling plans to build a luxury apartment complex along the Black Sea coast.

The 47-story Trump Tower in the city of Batumi will be built by the Silk Road Group under a licensing agreement signed during Saakashvili's visit to New York last year.

The Georgian conglomerate expects to have the necessary funding by the end of this year, with construction slated to start in early 2013, Saakashvili said during Sunday's presentation in Batumi.

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F-35 frenzy. Canadian jobs at risk: Chairman

Canadian companies employing thousands of workers would be hurt if the Harper government abandons the multibillion-dollar purchase of F-35 fighter planes, the head of aerospace cluster Aero Montreal said Friday.

Aero Montreal chairman Gilles Labbe said the aircraft's lead manufacturers, Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman, could remove work destined to be completed in Canada by members of the global supply chain if the federal government doesn't buy the 65 planes.

"If Canada will not buy this airplane at the end of the day, this could of course impact the future business that we would get on the F-35," he told reporters at Aero Montreal's annual meeting.

Labbe is also head of Heroux-Devtek, the company slated to provide landing gear for all of the F35s destined for Canada as well as for many outside the country as well.

The Conservative government froze spending on the defence program earlier this month after the auditor general produced a withering report.

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Production risk. Automakers rethink 'just-in-time' parts supplies

For the first time in more than 20 years, U.S. automakers are questioning a pillar of manufacturing: The practice of bringing parts to assembly lines right before they're used.

So called just-in-time deliveries have helped automakers save billions and run their factories more efficiently.

But the approach also relies on an almost perfect supply chain. And twice in the last year, the system's weak links have been exposed.

An earthquake last March knocked out many Japanese parts makers, resulting in factory shutdowns and model shortages around the world.

And last month, an explosion at a German chemical plant cut off supplies of a resin essential in car fuel lines. Without those parts, assembly lines could slow or grind to a halt within weeks, causing shortages of cars on dealer lots later this year.

Stock up on parts

"You can never take away risk completely.... You want to minimize it."

David Cole, chairman emeritus of the Center for Automotive Research

The threat of a new shortage comes as U.S. auto sales are just becoming healthy again. Carmakers are scrambling to find alternatives to the resin.

Supply problems are unavoidable, but car manufacturers are starting to rethink the just-in-time system, which is more global than ever and relies on increasingly specialized parts from fewer suppliers.

The system, developed by Toyota in the 1970s and brought to the U.S. in the 1980s, discourages big stockpiles of parts in favour of deliveries shortly before they're needed.

It saves companies the cost of storing the parts or carrying them on their books. A typical large supplier now has only a few weeks' worth of parts, says Steven Wybo, a managing director and automotive expert at Conway Mackenzie, a consulting firm.

"It's pretty fragile," Wybo says of the system. "The only way to protect supply is to build up inventory. Until that happens, we're going to continue to see problems like this."

Many of a car's 3,000 parts have become so specialized that they're made only by a few factories worldwide. That leaves the industry vulnerable to fires, natural disasters or other problems that may knock out a single parts factory.

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FEMALE LEADERS' TURN IN THE SPOTLIGHT

URBAN COMPASS
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Alberta will elect its first female premier today.

So it's either Calgarian Danielle Smith or Calgarian Alison Redford.

Does this matter?

I think it does.

Before Redford, there had never been a female premier of Alberta. There's never been a female mayor of Calgary.

So it is indeed important, because people want to see people who look like them "make it."

Feminism champions this: opportunity for underrepresented groups and finding out why certain groups don't break through.

Although many don't like the feminism label, every woman knows this one thing: No man would ever choose to be a woman.

Sexist standards?

It's this kind of 'one strike, you're out' judgment that has struck me as not only unfair but— and I don't say this often — sexist.

Women get held to a complicated standard. Professionally, they want to be liked and influential, too.

PC's Redford and Wildrose's Smith negotiate this delicate territory — and it can't be easy.

I wanted to think of them as candidates, not women.

But then there comes an unfortunate placement of Smith on her campaign bus and a blustering male commentator says: "If she can't figure out a bus, she can't lead the province."

I felt angry. It's this kind of "one strike, you're out" judgment that has struck me as not only unfair but — and I don't say this often — sexist.

Unless people would laugh at man boobs.

It's a weird time for women.

At Alberta colleges and universities, women are leading the pack in both numbers and achievement.

The strategy pays off: more women earn more than their spouses than ever before in our history.

Yet, when it comes to salaries (and this speaks to worth and independence) women are paid less across the board.

Not only do they fail to negotiate well — they often don't ask for what they want. Even more depressing: Some research shows when women even try to negotiate, employers are annoyed.

I still recall a female student who called me to tell me she'd landed a job. "Great," said I. "How much are you earning?"

"I never asked," she said. So we still have a ways to go…

Today, Alison Redford and Danielle Smith haven't been afraid to ask for what they want.

Albertans need to focus on policy, not gender. That said, it's still good to see a political breakthrough for women.

Weird news

Home of 'world's rudest waiter' may still be serving

A San Francisco Chinese restaurant once known for having "the world's rudest waiter" may not be closing for good after all.

The owners of Sam Wo restaurant are scheduled to plead their case to the city's public health department at a hearing Tuesday.

Owner David Ho's daughter, Julie, told the San Francisco Chronicle that the restaurant will be closed over the weekend, but nothing is definite beyond that.

Health officials had demanded changes after finding violations including rodent activity, but the owners had said the 100-year-old eatery in Chinatown was just too old.

They had planned to serve their last meals early Saturday.

The restaurant was famous for the late Edsel Ford Fung, dubbed "the world's rudest waiter." Fung was known for insulting customers and slamming dishes on tables.

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Prelude to the podium

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On your mark

Kenya rocks London marathon

Here's a general view of runners as they go past the Cutty Sark during the Virgin London Marathon on Sunday.

Kenyan marathon runners showed their superiority ahead of the Olympics, with Wilson Kipsang and Mary Keitany coasting to victory in London on Sunday, virtually assuring that they will be selected for the games.

The winners were presented with their medals by Prince Harry, who indicated that security logistics are thwarting his attempts to enter the marathon.

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Get set

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Wilson Kipsang, the second-fastest marathon runner ever, won the 42.2-kilometre race for the first time, more than two minutes ahead of fellow Kenyan Martin Lel. Kipsang had stormed ahead of the pack with around 10 kilometres to go in the British capital before winning in two hours, four minutes, 44 seconds.

Go!

- **World-record holder Patrick Makau dropped out less than halfway through.**
- **Mary Keitany pulled away from world champion Edna Kiplagat with around five kilometres to go before winning by one minute, 13 seconds. Priscah Jeptoo was third.**
- **In a sprint finish in front of Buckingham Palace on the Mall, Martin Lel edged Tsegaye Kebede of Ethiopia for second place.**

Finish line

"What's fantastic is that my brother and his wife will be doing it next year, I think."

Prince Harry quipped that his brother, Prince William and wife Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge want to compete next year.

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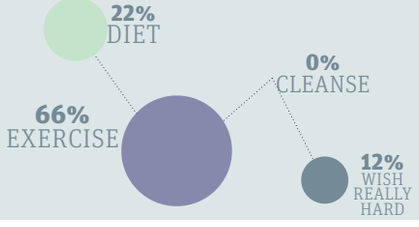

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@DavidCloutier: How are ice cream trucks legal?... #yyc

@JennCockton: Beautiful weather we were blessed with this weekend in #yyc #calgary. How did you play outdoors?

@Char_cherrio: My car is saying its 22 out and it's not lying #win #loveit #yyc

@Rosaincalgary: I hate the judgmental looks people give you at the bottle depot. As if their 5 bags of pop cans arent as bad my 7 bags of beer cans! #yyc jk

@AmberCraig_: So in love with this #yyc weather!

@ha5bro: Sunday 5pm, time for all the poser bikers at Melrose #yyc to drive home drunk to their McMansions in the burbs.

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Luke Evans plays a straight-laced detective opposite John Cusack in The Raven. HANDOUT

A rookie actor, nevermore

Learning process.
Despite his roles in big films, Evans says he learned plenty from working with John Cusack on The Raven

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Luke Evans hasn't been home in a while. The last two years have seen a marked increase in film work for the Welsh actor, taking him around the world to make films like The Three Musketeers, Immortals and this month's The Raven, in which he plays a straight-laced detective opposite John Cusack's Edgar Allen Poe. Evans checked in by phone from New Zealand, where he's been living for nearly a year while making The Hobbit — and where he says he'll be until at least July. After that? Who knows?

How much of an Edgar Allen Poe fan were you before going into this project?
I was very aware of who he was and how much of an impact he made on American literature, but I hadn't read a huge amount of his work. I knew about The Raven. The Pit and the Pendulum was the one I knew as well.

What did you think of the project when you were initially approached?
I thought it was great. I thought it was a very clever way of using Poe's work and brilliant stories and making it into a fictional detective movie and showing his stories in a very clever sort of fictional backdrop. I'd always wanted to work with John Cusack, too, so the fact that he's playing Poe was a really exciting idea for me.

What are some your favourites of Cusack's films?
Well, I love The Grifters, I love High Fidelity. They're two I really, really enjoyed. But almost all of John's work that I've watched, I've enjoyed. He's a great man to watch when he's doing his thing. He's been doing it for such a long time, you know? You can learn an awful lot, as an actor like myself, watching John do his thing.

Well, you've got a fair amount under your own belt now as well.
Yeah! Yeah, I have. It's just been very, very fast (laughs). And movies, film work — I'm still learning as I'm going along, and I'm sure I will learn for a very long time. But it is quite great when you get to work with people who've done movies for a long time because you just how watch how they play with the camera and like that, all the subtleties. I just keep watching, keep learning. But yeah, I've been acting for 12 or 13 years now. A lot of it's been in the theatre, but I try to channel what I learned there and use it in film. It's all acting at the end of the day, isn't it?

How was the experience on location for the Raven?
We started in Budapest in Hungary, and then we moved across the border to Serbia to Belgrade and also to a northern town called Novi Sad, which has a castle on the mound, and underneath the castle there's a huge bunch of tunnel networks, which is what we used in the film when... I won't give it away, but there are tunnels in the film that get used to chase... someone (laughs).

Did you feel isolated out there?
It's another difference, yeah. But Budapest is a great city, a really great city. We did a lot of night shoots in Hungary, and in the wintertime it can be cold and very windy, with a bit of snow. And it got worse because we jumped into former Yugoslavia. Serbia can get very cold. But the people are great. It's a great way to see the world. This is such a joy to me, to get a job and then go to places I would probably never have visited, and now I have. They're great, I'd go back there tomorrow.

Speaking of great locations, you're in New Zealand now. How is filming on The Hobbit going?
Filming is going very well, yeah. We're solid, solid working now. There's a lot to be done.

How have you found life in New Zealand?
I know, it's great, right? I've been here almost 10 months now, and it's such a beautiful place.

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Box office

Hunger Games knocked from No. 1

The date-night movies Think Like a Man and The Lucky One have finally knocked The Hunger Games off its No. 1 box-office perch. According to studio estimates Sunday, Think Like a Man debuted as the top weekend draw with $33 million. The Warner Bros. drama The Lucky One, starring Zac Efron, opened at No. 2 with $22.8 million. Lionsgate's blockbuster The Hunger Games took in $14.5 million, slipping to third-place after four weekends at No. 1.
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Rufus Wainwright gets a little more 'pop' with the help of Mark Ronson

New album. Singer-songwriter enlists hit-making producer Ronson in a bid for the mainstream ear

Rufus Wainwright is touting the release of what he calls his most pop-leaning album yet, but the eclectic singer-songwriter is far from quitting his ambitious foray into the classical world.

The 38-year-old crooner says he's set to pen another opera, but the details are staying under wraps, for now.

"I've been commissioned to write another one — there'll be announcements about that at some point," Wainwright says cryptically during a round of recent media interviews in Toronto.

"I don't think you can kind of step into that arena and just step right out again. I think that would be very, very cowardly."

In the meantime, Wainwright returns to the pop sphere this week with his brightly melodic album, Out of the Game, an unabashedly mainstream bid shepherded by hit-making uber-producer Mark Ronson.

The 12-song disc is infused with a '70s flourish and Wainwright's trademark honey-toned vocals, which weave around evocative vignettes of life with boyfriend Jorn Weisbrodt (Song of You), new baby girl Viva (Montauk) and mourn the loss of his late mother, legendary folksinger Kate McGarrigle (Candles).

Musically, the typically bittersweet Wainwright says he strove to create a more commercially oriented collection, describing Out of the Game as "something that you can put on at a party and people won't leave the room."

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Wainwright says he strove to create a more commercial collection with his new album. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sound

Making music a little bit brighter

Rufus Wainwright's newest album is a bit escapist. "Right before this album came out, I had written an opera and done a solo piano voice tour, buried my mom, had a baby — so I was really entrenched in these huge adult issues," he notes.

"For this album, I really just wanted to have a good time and kind of rock out and be silly for a little while," he adds. "And though the record still has that custom Rufus romantic sadness, I think it's a little more upbeat and brighter than my past work."

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The Word

Kim and Kanye take on Manhattan, other Kardashians

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

THE WORD
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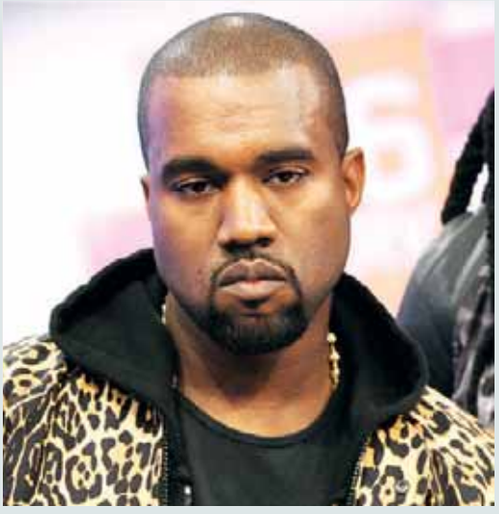
Oh, hey! Look who it is: Kim Kardashian and Kanye West, just out for a stroll in one of the most crowded cities in the world, in broad daylight, on a Saturday afternoon, in front of a barrage of photographers.

They are doing a great job of keeping this totally legit burgeoning relationship on the down-low, am I right?

According to US Weekly, the two spotlight-lovers browsed the racks at the Chelsea shop Balenciaga and then stopped for an ice cream cone at the Van Leeuwen ice cream truck.

It's getting so "serious" (a.k.a. completely generated for publicity) that West had dinner with Kim, her mother Kris Jenner, sister Khloe and brother-in-law Lamar Odom at the Spice Market restaurant in the city's Meatpacking District, according to RadarOnline.



Expect to see this entire weekend on the E! network soon as Kim's Fairytale Dinner: A Kardashian Event.

Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Was Lohan lying about whereabouts?

When a woman recently accused Lindsay Lohan of assaulting her at a nightclub, Lohan's response was simple: She couldn't have, since she was at home watching TV at the time.

But new developments suggest she might not be telling the truth there, according to RadarOnline.

"Investigators obtained the surveillance video from the Smoke & Mirrors nightclub at The Standard Hotel and it clearly shows that Lindsay was there on the night of the alleged assault," a source says.

"The investigation is still ongoing and follow-up investigators want to interview Lindsay about the incident, but she hasn't been interviewed yet, nor is she under any obligation to do so."

Wedding bells in Italy for Biel and Timberlake?

Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel just finished a whirlwind five-day trip to Italy, prompting speculation about the location of their upcoming wedding, according to Us Weekly. After hitting up Rome, Naples and Capri, the happy couple reportedly paid a visit to the southern town of Bernalda — and more specifically the wedding venue Palazzo Margherita, where Sofia Coppola tied the knot last year.

Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake

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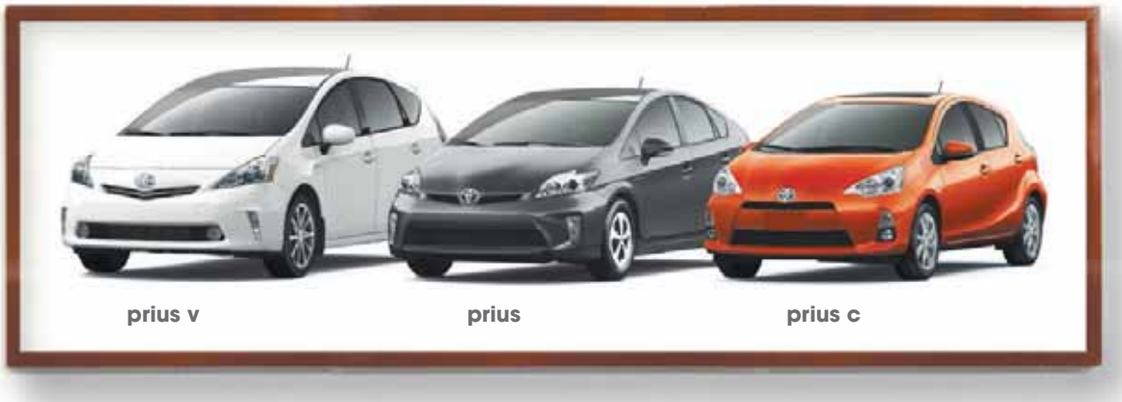

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Breakfast

Sunny outlook for outlets catering to millennial market

More Canadians eat breakfast on the run and it's the 20-something group that's driving the trend, says a market researcher group. A study by the NPD Group shows growth among quick-service restaurants for the morning meal. NPD predicts that segment of the market will grow 10 per cent by 2016.

The study, A Look into the Future of Foodservice, finds that nine per cent of the population prefers to pick up its morning meal at outlets, and this has led to a 14 per cent increase in breakfast sales in the past year.

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On the web

Doggy Wars? Campaigns spar about canines, but dog owners not biting much

Mommy blog reasonsmommydrinks.com uses a comedic approach to discuss the issues faced by new mothers. ISTOCK

What drives mommy to reach for a drink?

Blog. After having babies four months apart, two life-long friends teamed up to offer an unfiltered look at being new moms

DELIA MACPHERSON
For Metro News

Two bloggers with new babies have put a comedic spin on some real issues women are facing when it comes to motherhood.

Lyranda Martin Evans and Fiona Stevenson, friends for 20 years, are the co-authors of reasonsmommydrinks.com, an honest and unfiltered blog about what it's really like to be a new mom.

"Being on maternity leave is the hardest job in the world," says Evans. "If I had to do mat-leave by myself, I think I would have gone nuts."

The two friends both had baby boys, four months apart.

"In my group of friends, there was a group of 2011 babies," says Evans. "I was really lucky. Women love to help each other out."

After attending high school, Queens University and then training at the Second City conservatory comedy program together, it only makes sense Evans and Stevenson would team up for this blog.

Both are unafraid to make racy quips and expose a more realistic image of being a mom.

The writers take personal experiences and stories from mom groups to create a witty list of more than 50 "reasons why mommy drinks."

"It's very cathartic," says Evans. "At the time, it's the worst moment of the day, but it becomes funny."

The blog's name is somewhat controversial, but Evans sees it as a comedic device, playing on the expression "I need a drink!"

"We wanted to have a good hook. It's all written tongue-in-cheek.

"The blog is really about how much we love them [kids]. We're trying to be perfect for them."

Reason #38 : The Babysitter

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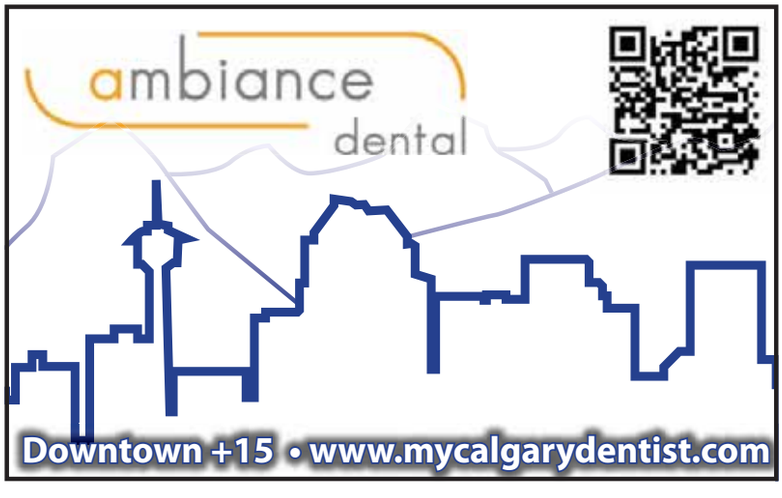
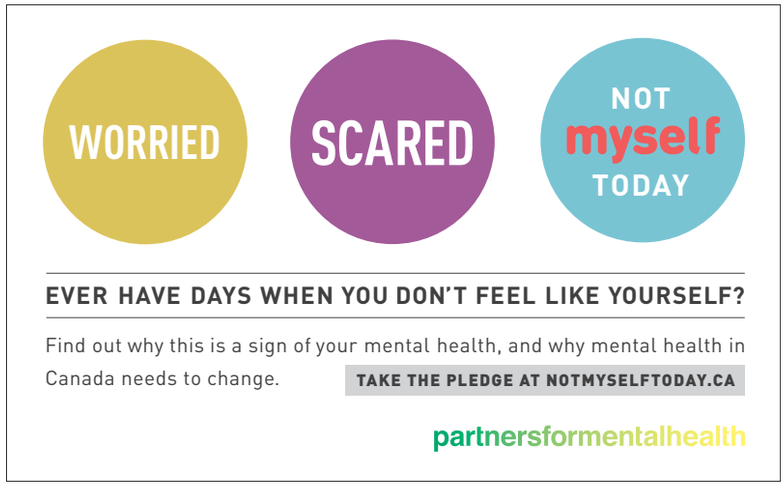
Bloggers Fiona Stevenson, left, and Lyranda Martin Evans. CONTRIBUTED

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Catch of the day makes for easy weeknight dinner

This recipe makes two servings. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Sweet and spicy, this catfish only needs a medley of vegetables served along with it or a crisp green salad for an easy weeknight meal.

1. In a small bowl, mix together Dijon and Creole mustards, honey and vinegar. Spread mustard mixture over top of fillets and arrange potato slices over mustard, pushing down gently so potato sticks.

2. In a non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Carefully place fillets potato-side down in skillet and pan-fry for 5 minutes.

3. Remove fillets and place on parchment-paper-lined baking sheet. Bake in centre of 180 C (350 F) oven for about 12 minutes, until potatoes are golden and fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

4. **Apple and Jalapeno Glaze:** Meanwhile, in a small saucepan combine apple jelly, water, apple and jalapeno and simmer on low heat for about 5 minutes. Keep warm.

5. Remove catfish from oven. Place on serving plates and drizzle with glaze.

Ingredients

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Creole mustard
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) honey
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cider vinegar
- 2 farm-raised catfish fillets (each 175 to 250 g/6 to 8 oz)
- 2 medium potatoes, peeled and cut in paper-thin slices
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil

Apple and Jalapeno Glaze
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) apple jelly
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) water
- 1/2 apple, peeled and diced
- 1/2 jalapeno, seeded and diced

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Corn syrup and cumin for the perfect salmon glaze

Experimenting with salt, soy sauce, garlic and ginger with fruit can make an interesting glaze for fish.

It may also interest you that a household staple such as corn syrup makes for a perfect glaze, like in this recipe

There has been some concern recently about high fructose levels in corn syrup, so it's worth noting that Crown Golden, the corn syrup of choice in this recipe, does not contain high-fructose-corn-syrup.

1. Heat a dry non-stick skillet on medium high heat. Add the cumin and toss for 1 to 2 minutes until the cumin is toasted. Use care not to burn the cumin. Remove it from heat and allow to it cool for about 10 minutes.

2. Combine cumin, garlic salt, black pepper, and dark corn syrup in a small bowl. Mix well.

3. Brush glaze over both sides of the salmon. Grill or broil, turning once and brushing liberally with glaze. Cook 8 to 10 minutes until salmon flakes easily.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic salt
- 1/2 teaspoon fine grind black pepper
- 1/2 cup Crown Golden no-high fructose corn syrup
- 4 salmon fillets (6 to 8 oz. each/ approx 200 g each)

This recipe serves eight to 10 people. NEWS CANADA

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Grilled Halibut with Grilled Bell Pepper and Parsley-Anchovy Relish

1. Grilled Bell Pepper and Parsley Anchovy Relish: In bowl, combine red and yellow peppers, garlic, anchovies, extra virgin olive oil, vinegar, parsley and oregano. Season with salt and pepper. Let rest at room temperature 30 mins.

2. Brush both sides of halibut with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Place, skin side up, on greased grill over high heat. Grill 4 mins. or until lightly browned and firm on the bottom. Turn over, reduce heat to medium and cook for 3 mins.

3. Place fish on serving plates. Top each piece with spoonfuls of parsley anchovy relish. NEWS CANADA/ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)

Ingredients

- 4 skinless halibut fillets, about 6 oz (168 g) each
- Olive oil
- Salt and pepper

Grilled Bell Pepper and Parsley Anchovy Relish
- 2 each Ontario greenhouse red and yellow peppers, roasted, peeled, seeded and coarsely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic
- 8 white anchovies, chopped
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) olive oil
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) red wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) fresh oregano, chopped

Green living — dollhouse-style

Next-generation toys. Dollhouse with different types of green themes helps educate kids as they play

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PlanToys is making eco-friendly dollhouses for tomorrow's generation. HANDOUT

For young children, play is serious business. It's what they do — and how they learn.

That's why PlanToys, an innovative maker of eco-friendly playthings, has created the ultimate green dollhouse.

"The PlanToys dollhouse shows many different types of eco-themes," explains Cal Nicholson, sales and marketing specialist at Playwell Canada.

"It's got a windmill, a solar shade, solar panels, recycling buckets — even the furniture inside features cotton that is all organic."

The concept is deliciously simple.

Along with all the social skills and imagination any good dollhouse fosters, this one turns sustainability into a basic, everyday concept — taken as a given from very early in life.

"The reality is that for the kids, the dollhouse is something cool to play with," Nicholson says.

"But the really big thing about PlanToys actually is about the parents. They know that the eco-credentials of this product are among the highest on the planet, and they feel really good about buying it."

The dollhouse is made from rubber wood trees from Thailand. Normally, these are burned for charcoal once they reach the end of their productive life. Instead, PlanToys uses their chemical-free wood to build toys that are tough, durable — and very green.

"Using chemicals goes completely against the green feature of the product, and they're only using soy inks or natural water-based colours," notes Nicholson. "All the packaging is recycled and recyclable."

The dollhouse isn't cheap — averaging around $200, depending on the retailer. But it's also very durable.

"You're buying a product that is Earth-friendly, that has high quality, and it's evergreen in the sense that kids are going to play with it for a long time. It's not a Walmart item that's going to get thrown away or broken in two weeks."

Nicholson sees the PlanToys dollhouse as an investment in the future — in more ways than one.

"This is something that can be played with by younger siblings or passed on to future generations," he explains. "PlanToys' whole model is sustainable play — in terms of the product itself, and also for the environment."

Child's play, in other words.

Quote

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Cal Nicholson
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New book. Ecoholic Body is a savvy resource on everything that comes into contact with our bodies

Author Adria Vasil, an expert on all things green, unveils what's hiding in our hair-styling aids, sunscreens and even our clothing in Ecoholic Body, the third book in her earth-friendly series.

In the extensive guide, which is printed with organic ink, she tells Canadians what they need to know to keep healthy and green while detoxing the planet.

Vasil explains what ingredients to avoid when shopping for cosmetics, clothing and condoms while giving tips on natural or organic substitutions and remedies.

In short, it's about everything that touches or goes into our bodies.

"I really wanted 'Ecoholic' to be an exhaustive guide to everything to do with the body," she said in an interview coinciding with this week's publication of the book.

"Not just the body-care stuff ... but I go from shampoo to sandals to supplements to everything in between."

Using her background as a journalist, she breaks down data from researchers and relays it in a conversational, sometimes humorous way.

Her reviews can be ruthless — she tells you straight up if she thinks you're not going to like the way a product performs.

Vasil, 36, has been writing about environmental issues for about a decade and began her Ecoholic column for Toronto's weekly NOW magazine in 2004. Her environmental epiphany began in her teens and stemmed from news reports about such issues as acid rain and the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989.

"Around that time, I started paying attention to the bigger environmental issues realizing, 'Oh, wow, there's a whole world outside my doorstep that I was completely oblivious to before.'

"It was around (age) 15 or 16 that I started paying attention to the products that I was putting on my hair, on my skin, that I was using every morning."

Vasil's older brother, who had chemical and environmental sensitivities, died while she was writing Ecoholic Body, and the book is dedicated to him.

"He was the one who led the green charge in our family from the beginning."

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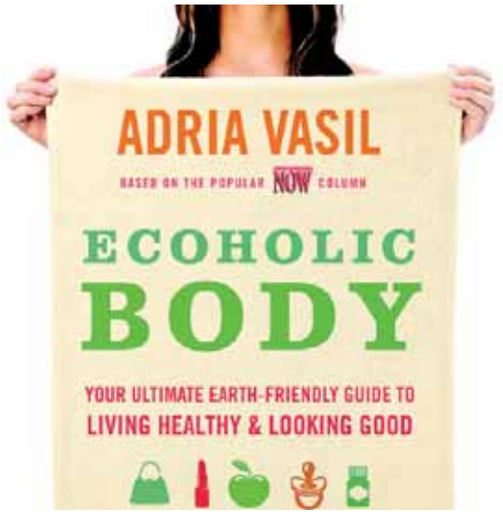

Queen of Green

Filtering out the problems

QUEEN OF GREEN
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What's the best water filtration system?
Daria of London, Ont.

It really depends on what you're trying to filter out — the chlorine taste or contaminants like lead and pesticides. Generally speaking, water filters can improve the overall taste, smell and appearance of drinking water and can remove some chemicals. But it's important to select a water filtration system that suits your water conditions.

To do that, you need to know the problem.

If your drinking water contains lead, you'll need to choose a filter that has been certified to remove lead.

Filtration systems normally reduce concentrations rather than removing 100 per cent of the contaminant.

Check out the NSF Contamination Guide, which certifies filters based on the particular contaminant.

Now, if you simply want to avoid single-serving bottled water — and there's no reason to believe bottled is better than tap water — consider a carbon filter.

Activated Carbon (AC) filters are most effective in removing organic contaminants from water (often responsible for taste, odour and colour problems).

When water passes through the filter, the carbon particles attract and remove contaminants including dissolved substances such as hydrogen sulphide; heavy metals such as lead, mercury and copper; and chlorine.

There are two types of activated carbon filters. Granular AC (GAC) filters use a cartridge packed with granules of activated carbon to trap chlorine, heavy metals and organic compounds.

Solid Block AC filters trap contaminants like pesticides, chlorine, lead and asbestos.

A Solid Block filter mounted on the tap or under the sink will work better than the pitcher types with loose carbon.

But there's good news if you already own a Brita pitcher — filters can be recycled at filterforgood.ca!

Want your kids to keep learning after school? Here are two trends

Archery. Hunger Games heroine Katniss makes archery cool for kids (minus the hunger and killing stuff)

Ashley Donzella participates in the youth archery league at Targeteers Archery in Saddle Brook, N.J.
CHARLES SYKES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In schools and backyards, for their birthdays and out with their dads, kids are gaga for archery four weeks into the box office run of The Hunger Games and less than 100 days before the London Olympics.

"All of a sudden sales of bows have tripled," said Paul Haines, a salesman at the Ramsey Outdoor store in Paramus, N.J.

A manager there made a sign for the hunting department: "Quality bows for serious archers and girls who saw the movie."

Archery ranges around the country have enjoyed a steady uptick among kids of both sexes since the movie began cleaning up at the box office March 23, though heroine Katniss — a deadly shot with an arrow — seems to resonate more with girls.

"Katniss is so inspiring," said Gabby Lee, who asked for archery lessons for her 12th birthday in February after reading the popular book trilogy by Suzanne Collins.

"I'm not very sportsy," she said, but now she belongs to a youth archery league near her Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., home. "It feels really good because I'm usually the girl who sits and reads."

While some young archers have been doing it for years, motivated by generations of hunters in their families, the parents of others love it for its focus, independence and because they, too, have kids not drawn to more typical team or contact sports.

At seven, Christa Mattessich is too young for the gruesome dystopian world that thrusts 16-year-old Katniss and her fellow youths into the arena for a battle to the death — a battle Katniss wins thanks to the archery skills she honed while hunting game in the woods of her native District 12.

But Christa loves archery just as much and has been shooting for about two years at Targeteers Archery in Saddle Brook, N.J., her dad Anthony Mattessich said.

"I'm an avid bow hunter," he said. "At her age, with other sports, they're just running with each other and chasing a ball, then the ice cream truck comes and that's that. For archery, they're a little bit more dedicated."

Like more than 2 million kids in nearly every state and several other countries, Abbey took archery in gym class this year as part of the decade-old National Archery in the Schools program that trains teachers in the sport and offers discounts on equipment.

"There's a lot of buzz among young people about archery right now. They want to shoot bows and arrows so badly, they're willing to follow the rules," said Roy Grimes, the organization's president.

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Buzz

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Roy Grimes, president of the National Archery in the Schools Program

Knitting. Purling is hip again, as a new generation turns to the clack of the needles

Move over, knitting grannies. Yarn harlots, crochet chicks and knit nerds are taking over and they're not knitting baby booties or crocheting doilies.

More young people are taking up the "stitch and bitch" craft, making everything from conventional scarves and mittens to purses and wraps.

Growth seems to be highest among knitters like Allison Krause Danielsen — 20-somethings looking to express their creativity, reject cheap mass consumerism and decompress in a way that doesn't depend on the technology they are immersed in all day.

Krause Danielsen, a 29-year-old Winnipeg resident, learned to knit at an early age but didn't really take it up seriously until she hit university.

"I've got my iPhone and my computer but it's something that's more tangible and tactile that you can do and it's productive," she said.

"In this age of just being able to go to the dollar store and buy something you can throw away, you have something more valuable if you've knit it yourself."

The Craft Yarn Council of America says young women in their 20s are fuelling yarn sales across the country. Between 2002 and 2004, the council's annual surveys found knitters between the ages of 25 to 34 jumped 150 per cent. Its most recent survey found expressing creativity is what draws this cohort to take up the craft.

Lori Franko, a member who helps run the Ram Wool Co-op in Winnipeg, said their customers range from 20 years old to 90. But in recent years, she said the shop is seeing younger knitters seeking skeins of yarn.

Much of the growing popularity is thanks to the Internet, Franko said. Younger, web-savvy knitters can go online and find everything from free patterns to blogs to chat rooms with advice and support. The web helps feed the do-it-yourself movement that's afoot among younger people, Franko said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Allison Krause Danielsen knits a pair of socks with some double-pointed needles at a local coffee shop in Winnipeg. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Precious cargo: CEO transported from hard worker to hotshot

Moving up. Ajay Virmani pulled out all the stops to guarantee his company's success

THE IN-CREDIBILITY FACTOR
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Ajay Virmani came to Toronto from India in 1975 with a strong work ethic and a vision.

He washed windows, fixed car mufflers, then sold vacuum cleaners and life insurance.

But he found his true calling when he got into transportation management and quickly turned a struggling air cargo company around. With an opportunity to go out on his own, Virmani didn't think twice.

"I thought, 'I've got enough contacts in business. If I make $150,000 a year, I'll be happy.'"

That was in 1990 and today Cargojet is Canada's air cargo leader doing $200 million a year in sales.

Virmani says the key to being a successful entrepreneur is to never underestimate yourself and to believe in your skills.

"Take risks, be stubborn, dream and have a sense of purpose when you get up in the morning. At one point I had two mortgages on my house. I paid one credit card to another. Risk-taking ability is the biggest thing an entrepreneur can have."

The final word from the award-winning entrepreneur?

"Ask yourself, are you going to be a follower or a leader?"

Risky business

"At one point I had two mortgages on my house. I paid one credit card to another. Risk-taking ability is the biggest thing an entrepreneur can have."
Ajay Virmani

Spelling it out

Ajay Virmani's secret to success:

- **S.** Sense of purpose
- **E.** Educate yourself
- **C.** Creative ability with your ideas
- **R.** Responsibility — be accountable
- **E.** Excellence — anything you do, do it well
- **T.** Time management

Ajay Virmani, President and CEO of Cargojet. PROVIDED

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The right way to go when the answer you get is 'no'

Thanks for coming out. Not every job hunt is a success story, but how we bounce back from rejection speaks volumes about our character

JULIA WEST
Metro World News in Philadelphia

The specific CV

Give yourself a better chance at scoring the job of your dreams:

- **Avoid the interview crickets.** Make sure your resumé is tailored to each position for which you're applying.
- **"People often have the wrong resumé," says career psychologist Eileen Sharaga.** "They want to be all things to all people, but they need to focus a resumé that clearly positions them in a specific job."

If you get rejected for a job, don't beat yourself up. ISTOCK IMAGES

The job market is difficult, sure, but knowing how to deal with job rejection will give you the edge over your competition. Don't get downtrodden, don't feel hopeless and, whatever you do, don't take it personally.

Process what went wrong

Don't beat yourself up — just examine what happened and plan how to make a better impression in the next interview.

"Monday morning quarterbacking has a place," says relationship advisor and author April Masini. "Rejection is always an opportunity to build on who and what you are."

Get back in the networking game

There's no reason to be embarrassed that you need a little extra help. Reach out to the connections you already have — they might be the link between you and your next job.

"Avoid cold-calling by working with your existing contacts to help introduce you to others," suggests Michelle Coussens, dean of the School of Business at Kendall College. "So many people have lost jobs, they are often happy to help someone else in their search."

Keep applying

Don't waste a minute waiting for a company's response to your job application. Stop refreshing your email and continue on with your search for that elusive new job. The more you dwell, the less ahead you will get.

"If you don't get this one, you'll have other irons in the fire, which, psychologically, is a much better position to be in when you get a rejection letter — rather than having to start from scratch with the weight of the (rejection) on your back," says Masini.

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Strategist
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18-year-old Joe Nelson, right, presented his girlfriend Rebecca Leet with a ring when he asked her to the prom.
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Prom-posals: A new age of asking

A night to remember. From rings to aerial requests, youth are adding a wow-factor to 'Wanna go to prom?'

Never mind a text that meekly asks "will u go 2 prom w/me?" Today's teenagers are taking a cue from elaborately staged wedding proposals, inviting each other to prom with flash mobs, scavenger hunts, homemade music videos and even airplane banners.

And while coming up with clever or romantic ways to ask someone to prom isn't an entirely new concept, the effort and expense going into the big ask these days has given rise to a new term: Prom-posal.

"This year is the first time we've done prom invitations," said Remy Colin, owner of Aerial Messages, a company that charges $600 for a plane to fly a banner with a message on it. "It's expensive as hell for a high schooler who doesn't have any money, but we've done two in the past three months," one in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and one in Tampa, Fla.

Mile-high messages

"This year is the first time we've done prom invitations."
Remy Colin, owner of Aerial Messages

Alex Chichkov, 17, arranged for a plane trailing "Come to prom with me, Kayla?" to fly over a student fundraiser his girlfriend Kayla Bennett was attending at King High School in Tampa in March.

"I've seen it for weddings and I wanted to do something huge or unique," said Alex, a senior who paid for the flyover with money he earned working at a family business.

"I didn't want to do anything generic. In the history of the school, no one has done anything that big. It's going to be my only prom, first time ever, last time ever, with someone who's been my girlfriend for two and a half years, so it deserves to be that big."

The plane flew over a student Relay for Life event, which raises money for the American Cancer Society, right before the talent show, while a sound system played a Michael Bublé cover of the Frank Sinatra song, Come Fly With Me.

Rebecca Leet, 17, had an audience of over 250 people for a prom-posal from her boyfriend, Joe Nelson, 18. Rebecca and Joe both worked on a school performance of Thoroughly Modern Millie at Collierville High School in Collierville, Tenn. At the end of the show, their teacher, Keith Salter, told the audience to stay put for one more thing.

Joe came out on stage, got down on one knee and pulled out a box with a ring in it. "It's not what you think!" Salter quickly assured the audience, as some gasped, thinking it was a teenage marriage proposal.

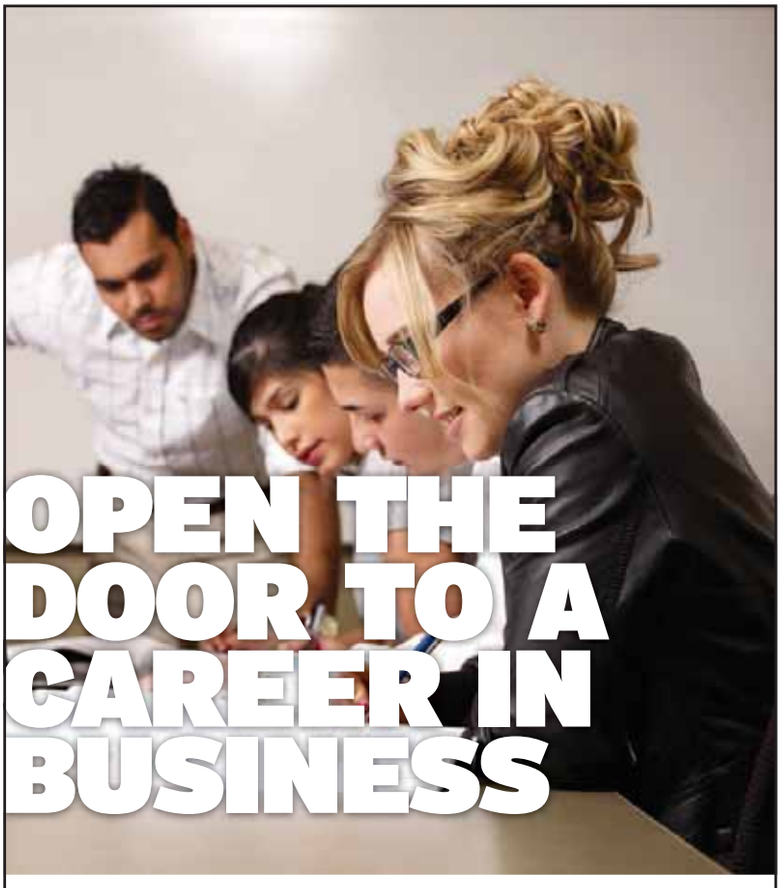
Then Joe popped the question — the prom question. "She got all teary and said yes," Joe said. "It made my day just knowing I did something memorable and she really enjoyed it." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reigning in the raunch

A romantic revival?

Nancy Darling, an Oberlin College professor of psychology who studies adolescent development, said teenage relationships go through stages, one of which is taking the romance public.

She added that despite stereotypes of teens "as sex-driven and aggressive," data shows kids are now becoming "more conservative" socially, with less sexual intercourse than previous generations. "We're back to being romantic," she said.



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"We have tons of money and if we can use our cap space to get high-end free agents, we have a shot to get right back on top."

Detroit head coach Mike Babcock, whose Red Wings were eliminated by the Nashville Predators with a 2-1 loss in Game 5 on Friday.

"This team is too good to be going home right now after five playoff games."

San Jose forward Logan Couture, whose Sharks were eliminated in fives games after a 2-1 loss to the St. Louis Blues on Saturday.

On the web

On Monday night, the Nets will play their last game in New Jersey after 45 years of "misfortune." They will leave East Rutherford and cross the Lincoln Tunnel to set up shop at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn to start the next NBA season. Scan the code for the story.

The Los Angeles Kings celebrate teammate Jarret Stoll's game-winning goal on Cory Schneider Sunday in Vancouver. RICH LAM/GETTY IMAGES

Kings conquer Canucks

NHL. Los Angeles puts Vancouver's Presidents' Trophy-winning season to bed

Game 5

Kings	Canucks
2	1

Jarret Stoll scored 4:27 into overtime as the Los Angeles Kings came back to beat the Vancouver Canucks 2-1 in the fifth game of the Western Conference quarter-final series Sunday night.

The underdog Kings took the best-of-seven series 4-1, spoiling Vancouver's hopes of a return to the Stanley Cup final.

Stoll scored on a wrist shot from the wing on a turnover at the Canucks' blue-line. The L.A. forward skated in on a 2-on-1, but took the shot himself, picking the top-left corner behind Vancouver goalie Cory Schneider.

"It's special," said Stoll. "It's pride in the organization, and your team and your teammates and coaching staff. They're a great team over there, it took a lot to beat them."

Los Angeles completed a major upset after finishing eighth in the regular season while the Canucks placed first in the Western Conference and overall for the second season in a row.

"To be honest, it doesn't matter if you lose the seventh game of the finals or you lose in five in the first round, it's devastating," said Daniel Sedin. "We have the mind set to win every year. When you end up on the losing side it's tough."

Brad Richardson also scored for the Kings, who trailed 1-0 after 40 minutes. Richardson tied it up 3:21 into the third period. Goalie Jonathan Quick made 26 saves to earn the win.

"To close out this series, for me personally, and a few guys in the room, it's something we've never done, so it's a great feeling," said Quick.

Henrik Sedin scored the lone Canucks goal, while Schneider stopped 35 shots.

"If you play the way we did in the last three every game you'll be in every game and then our skill is going to take over," said Henrik Sedin.

"In the first game we took way too many penalties. In the second the power play cost us the game. If you do that in a seven-game series, you give away two games, you've got to win four out of five and that's tough when they don't give you an inch out there."

"You've got to give credit to the Kings," said Canucks coach Alain Vigneault. "They played a real great series, a real tough opponent, played strong hockey, made the strong plays on the ice and, at the end of the day, they deserved to win."

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NHL

Flyers put Pens in the rear-view

Claude Giroux had his coach call him the best player in the world.

Giroux needed one shift to prove that claim is more than hometown hype.

He flattened Sidney Crosby only five seconds into the game, buried his sixth goal of the series past Marc-Andre Fleury 27 seconds later, and led a Philadelphia Flyers charge into the second round.

Giroux wrapped up a dominant series with a goal and two assists, Ilya Bryzgalov had his first outstanding effort in net and the Flyers beat the 108-point Pittsburgh Penguins 5-1 on Sunday to win their Eastern Conference opening-round series in six games.

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NHL

Bruins win in OT to force Game 7

Tyler Seguin scored at 3:17 of overtime, Tim Thomas made 36 saves, and the Boston Bruins beat the Washington Capitals 4-3 on Sunday to tie the first-round Eastern Conference playoff series at three games apiece.

The defending Stanley Cup champion Bruins never trailed, but needed a stolen pass and a deft bit of skating to finally get the decisive goal and avoid being eliminated by the seventh-seeded Capitals.

In overtime, David Krejci intercepted a pass by Nicklas Backstrom and sent the puck to Milan Lucic, who passed ahead to Seguin.

Seguin, who entered the game without a point in the series, veered slightly to his right to draw goaltender Braden Holtby from the net, then lifted a shot past the rookie to win it.

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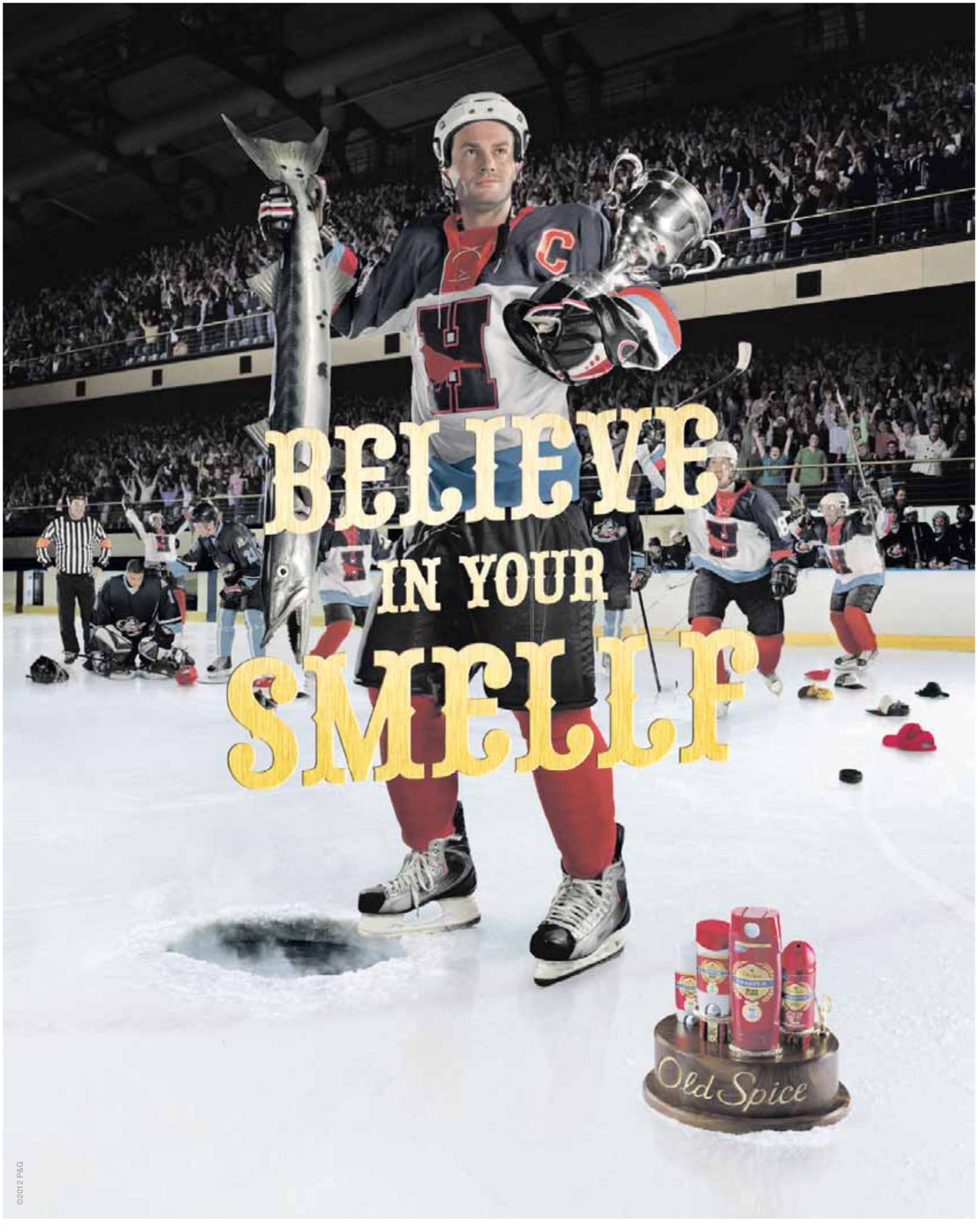

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CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS (Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. Rangers (1) vs. Ottawa (8) (Ottawa leads series 3-2)
Saturday's result
Ottawa 2 N.Y. Rangers 0
Tonight's game
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 26
x-Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, TBD
Boston (2) vs. Washington (7) (Series tied 3-3)
Yesterday's result
Boston 4 Washington 3 (OT)
Saturday's result
Washington 4 Boston 3
Wednesday, April 25
Washington at Boston, TBD
Florida (3) vs. New Jersey (6) (Florida leads series 3-2)
Saturday's result
Florida 3 New Jersey 0
Tomorrow's game
Florida at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 26
x-New Jersey at Florida, TBD
Pittsburgh (4) vs. Philadelphia (5) (Philadelphia wins series 4-2)
Yesterday's result
Philadelphia 5 Pittsburgh 1
Friday's result
Pittsburgh 3 Philadelphia 2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Vancouver (1) vs. Los Angeles (8) (Los Angeles wins series 4-1)
Last night's result
Los Angeles 2 Vancouver 1 (OT)
St. Louis (2) vs. San Jose (7) (St. Louis wins series 4-1)
Saturday's result
St. Louis 3 San Jose 1
Phoenix (3) vs. Chicago (6) (Phoenix leads series 3-2)
Saturday's result
Chicago 2 Phoenix 1 (OT)
Tonight's game
Phoenix at Chicago, 9 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25
x-Chicago at Phoenix, TBD
Nashville (4) vs. Detroit (5) (Nashville wins series 4-1)
Friday's result
Nashville 2 Detroit 1
x — played only if necessary.

BRUINS 4, CAPITALS 3 (OT)

First Period
1. Boston, Peverley 3 (Ference, Bergeron) 5:56
2. Washington, Green 1 (Ward, Hamrlik) 9:47
3. Boston, Krejci 1 (Lucic, Peverley) 16:48 (pp)
Penalties — Bergeron Bos (tripping) 10:01, Chimera Wash (hooking) 12:54, Semin Wash (hooking) 16:02, Kelly Bos (holding stick) 17:18.
Second Period
4. Washington, Chimera 1 (Backstrom, Hamrlik) 19:18
Penalties — Ovechkin Wash (double high-sticking) 1:57, Bergeron Bos (high-sticking) 15:44, Pouliot Bos (slashing), Brouwer Wash (roughing) 19:22, Hendricks Wash (tripping) 19:39.
Third Period
5. Boston, Ference 1 (Seguin) 11:57
6. Washington, Ovechkin 2 (Backstrom) 15:08
Penalty — Pouliot Bos (roughing) 8:50.
First Overtime
7. Boston, Seguin 1 (Lucic, Krejci) 3:17
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Boston	11	5	12	3—31
Washington	10	15	13	1—39

Goal — Boston: Thomas (W,3-3-0); Washington: Holtby (L,3-3-0).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Boston: 1-5; Washington: 0-4.
Referees — Paul Devorski, Dan O'Rourke.
Linesmen — Steve Barton, Greg Devorski.
Att.— 18,506 (18,398) at Washington.

FLYERS 5, PENGUINS 1

First Period
1. Philadelphia, Giroux 6, 0:32
2. Philadelphia, Hartnell 2 (Giroux, Voracek) 13:01 (pp)
Penalties — Briere Pha (high-sticking) 2:08, Cooke Pgh (interference) 12:39, Despres Pgh (tripping) 16:15.
Second Period
3. Philadelphia, Gustafsson 1 (Coburn, Giroux) 5:25
4. Pittsburgh, Malkin 3, 8:34 (pp)
5. Philadelphia, Briere 5 (Voracek, Carle) 9:08
Penalties — Timonen Pha (hooking) 6:57, Hartnell Pha (tripping) 10:07.
Third Period
6. Philadelphia, Schenn 2, 19:52 (en)
Penalties — Niskanen Pgh (slashing) 1:45, Coburn Pha (hooking) 8:06, Gustafsson Pha (delay of game) 16:45.
Shots on goal by

Pittsburgh	9	10	12	—31
Philadelphia	10	10	3	—23

Goal — Pittsburgh: Fleury (L,2-4-0); Philadelphia: Bryzgalov (W,4-2-0).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Pittsburgh: 1-5; Philadelphia: 1-3.
Referees — Kevin Pollock, Kelly Sutherland.
Linesmen — Derek Amell, Scott Cherrey.
Att. — 20,127 (19,537) at Philadelphia.

KINGS 2, CANUCKS 1 (OT)

At Vancouver
First Period
1. Vancouver, H. Sedin 2 (D. Sedin, Hamhuis) 14:04 (pp)
Penalties — Hamhuis Vcr (roughing) 1:28, H. Sedin Vcr (hooking) 4:08, Doughty LA (holding) 9:10, Richardson LA (roughing) 12:24.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Scuderi LA (cross-checking) 4:47, King LA (tripping) 7:04.
Third Period
2. Los Angeles, Richardson 1 (Doughty) 3:21
Penalty — H. Sedin Vcr (hooking) 0:30.
Overtime
3. Los Angeles, Stoll 1 (Martinez) 4:27
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Los Angeles	8	10	13	6—37
Vancouver	6	10	9	2—27

Goal (shots-saves) — Los Angeles: Quick (W, 4-1) (27-26); Vancouver: Schneider (L, 1-2) (37-35).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Los Angeles: 0-3; Vancouver: 1-4.
Attendance — 18,890 at Vancouver.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	9	6	.600	—
Toronto	9	6	.600	—
Baltimore	9	7	.563	½
Tampa Bay	9	7	.563	½
Boston	4	10	.286	4½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	10	6	.625	—
Chicago	9	6	.600	½
Cleveland	8	6	.571	1
Minnesota	5	11	.313	5
Kansas City	3	12	.200	6½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	13	3	.813	—
Oakland	8	9	.471	5½
Seattle	7	10	.412	6½
Los Angeles	6	10	.375	7

Yesterday's results
Texas 3, Detroit 2, 11 innings
Tampa Bay 6, Minnesota 2
Toronto 5, Kansas City 3
Baltimore 3, L.A. Angels 2, 10 innings
Oakland 5, Cleveland 1
Chicago White Sox 7, Seattle 4
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, ppd., rain
Saturday's results
Texas 10, Detroit 4, 1st game
Chicago White Sox 4, Seattle 0
N.Y. Yankees 15, Boston 9
Detroit 3, Texas 2, 2nd game
Tampa Bay 4, Minnesota 1
Toronto 9, Kansas City 5
L.A. Angels 6, Baltimore 3
Cleveland 5, Oakland 1
Tonight's games (All times Eastern)
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 1-0) at Texas (D.Holland 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Lester 0-2) at Minnesota (Marquis 1-0), 8:10 p.m.
Toronto (Morrow 0-1) at Kansas City (B.Chen 0-1), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Peavy 2-0) at Oakland (Colon 3-1), 10:05 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 5, ROYALS 3

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi
YEscor ss	5	1	2	1	Bourgs cf	3	0	0	0
Vizquel 2b	4	0	0	0	AGordn lf	4	0	1	0
Bautist rf	2	1	1	1	Butler dh	4	0	0	0
Encrnc 1b	4	0	1	0	Hosmer 1b	4	0	1	0
Rasms cf	4	0	0	0	YBtncr 2b	3	1	0	0
Lawrie 3b	4	1	1	2	Francr rf	4	1	2	0
BFrncs dh	2	0	1	0	Mostks 3b	4	1	3	1
Lind ph-dh	3	0	0	0	Quinter c	2	0	0	0
RDavis lf	3	1	1	0	B.Pena ph	1	0	0	0
Thams ph-lf	1	0	0	0	AEscor ss	3	0	0	1
Arencii c	3	1	1	0					
Totals	**35**	**5**	**8**	**4**	**Totals**	**32**	**3**	**7**	**2**

Toronto	000	040	010	5
Kansas City	000	020	001	3

E—Y.Escobar (1), Lawrie (3), Moustakas (1). DP—Toronto 2. LOB—Toronto 11, Kansas City 5. 2B—Encarnacion (6), R.Davis (2), Francoeur (3), Moustakas (6). SB—Encarnacion (3), Lawrie (2), R.Davis (3), Arencibia (1), Bourgeois (1), A.Escobar (4). CS—B.Francisco (1), Bourgeois (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
R.Romero W,3-0	8	5	2	2	2	5
Cordero S,1-1	1	2	1	1	1	0
Kansas City						
Duffy L,1-2	4 2-3	5	4	4	5	5
Coleman	2	0	0	0	1	1
Mijares	2-3	0	1	1	1	0
Jeffress	1	3	0	0	1	0
Crow	2-3	0	0	0	0	0

T—3:08. A—26,891 (37,903).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	12	4	.750	—
Atlanta	10	6	.625	2
New York	8	6	.571	3
Miami	7	8	.467	4½
Philadelphia	7	9	.438	5

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	11	5	.688	—
Cincinnati	7	9	.438	4
Milwaukee	7	9	.438	4
Pittsburgh	6	9	.400	4½
Houston	6	10	.375	5
Chicago	4	12	.250	7

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	12	4	.750	—
Colorado	8	7	.533	3½
Arizona	8	8	.500	4
San Francisco	7	7	.500	4
San Diego	5	12	.294	7½

Yesterday's results
San Francisco at New York, ppd., rain
St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 1
Miami at Washington, ppd., rain
Houston 12, L.A. Dodgers 0
Colorado 4, Milwaukee 1
Cincinnati 4, Chicago Cubs 3
San Diego 6, Philadelphia 1
Arizona 6, Atlanta 4
Saturday's results
Chicago Cubs 6, Cincinnati 1
Washington 3, Miami 2, 10 innings
N.Y. Mets 5, San Francisco 4
L.A. Dodgers 5, Houston 1
Pittsburgh 2, St. Louis 0
Milwaukee 9, Colorado 4
Atlanta 3, Arizona 2
San Diego 5, Philadelphia 1
Today's games
San Francisco (Lincecum 0-2) at N.Y. Mets (Batista 0-0), 4:10 p.m., 1st game
Colorado (Moyer 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Correia 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 1-1), 7:40 p.m., 2nd game
St. Louis (J.Garcia 2-0) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Houston (Harrell 1-0) at Milwaukee (Greinke 1-1), 8:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 0-0) at Arizona (Miley 1-0), 9:40 p.m.
Atlanta (Jurrjens 0-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 1-0), 10:10 p.m.

LACROSSE

NLL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Toronto	15	8	7	.533	186	185	-
x-Philadelphia	15	7	8	.467	169	198	1
x-Buffalo	15	6	9	.400	181	188	2
x-Rochester	15	6	9	.400	182	190	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Calgary	16	12	4	.750	216	170	-
x-Colorado	15	11	4	.733	202	185	½
x-Minnesota	15	8	7	.533	186	177	3½
x-Edmonton	15	6	9	.400	156	163	5½
Washington	15	4	11	.267	163	187	7½

x — clinched playoff berth.
Saturday's results
Calgary 9 Edmonton 6
Buffalo 14 Rochester 9
Minnesota 15 Philadelphia 10
Friday's result
Edmonton 14 Colorado 11
Toronto 16 Washington 13

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	48	16	.750	—
y-Miami	46	18	.719	2
x-Indiana	41	23	.641	7
y-Boston	37	27	.578	11
x-Atlanta	38	26	.594	10
x-Orlando	36	28	.563	12
x-New York	34	30	.531	14
Philadelphia	33	30	.524	14½
Milwaukee	30	33	.476	17½
Detroit	24	40	.375	24
New Jersey	22	42	.344	26
Toronto	22	42	.344	26
Cleveland	21	42	.333	26½
Washington	17	46	.270	30½
Charlotte	7	56	.111	40½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	47	16	.746	—
y-Oklahoma City	46	18	.719	1½
x-L.A. Lakers	41	24	.631	7
x-L.A. Clippers	39	24	.619	8
x-Memphis	39	25	.609	8½
x-Denver	36	28	.563	11½
x-Dallas	36	29	.554	12
Utah	34	30	.531	13½
Phoenix	33	31	.516	14½
Houston	33	32	.508	15
Portland	28	36	.438	19½
Minnesota	26	39	.400	22
Golden State	23	41	.359	24½
Sacramento	21	43	.328	26½
New Orleans	20	43	.317	27

d — division leader; **x** — clinched playoff berth; **y** — clinched division

Yesterday's results
New York 113, Atlanta 112
L.A. Lakers 114, Oklahoma City 106,2OT
Sacramento 114, Charlotte 88
Detroit 76, Toronto 73
Miami 97, Houston 88
Golden State 93, Minnesota 88
San Antonio 114, Cleveland 98
Denver 101, Orlando 74
New Orleans at L.A. Clippers
Saturday's results
Denver 118, Phoenix 107
Philadelphia 109, Indiana 106, OT
Washington 86, Miami 84
Chicago 93, Dallas 83
Houston 99, Golden State 96
Memphis 93, Portland 89
Milwaukee 106, New Jersey 95
Utah 117, Orlando 107, OT

PISTONS 76, RAPTORS 73

TORONTO (73)
Anderson 2-12 0-0 4, A.Johnson 1-3 0-0 2, Gray 3-4 0-0 6, Uzoh 2-9 1-2 5, DeRozan 7-15 1-2 16, Davis 3-5 1-2 7, J.Johnson 2-9 1-2 5, Kleiza 4-10 2-2 12, Forbes 3-3 3-4 10, Alabi 2-7 2-2 6. Totals 29-77 11-16 73.
DETROIT (76)
Prince 3-8 3-4 9, Maxiell 1-5 1-4 3, Monroe 3-9 2-4 8, Knight 7-17 5-6 19, Stuckey 1-7 5-6 7, Villanueva 3-6 0-0 7, Gordon 6-11 6-8 19, Jerebko 1-3 0-0 2, Wallace 0-3 0-2 0, Bynum 1-2 0-1 2. Totals 26-71 22-35 76.

Toronto	15	19	16	23	73
Detroit	14	15	24	23	76

3-Point Goals—Toronto 4-13 (Kleiza 2-4, Forbes 1-1, DeRozan 1-2, J.Johnson 0-2, Anderson 0-4), Detroit 2-15 (Gordon 1-2, Villanueva 1-4, Stuckey 0-1, Monroe 0-1, Jerebko 0-2, Prince 0-2, Knight 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 58 (Alabi 10), Detroit 53 (Monroe 17). Assists—Toronto 21 (J.Johnson, Forbes 4), Detroit 16 (Stuckey 6). Total Fouls—Toronto 28, Detroit 10. A—14,370 (22,076) at Detroit.

SOCCER

MLS

Yesterday's result
D.C. United 4, New York 1
Saturday's results
Chicago 3, Toronto FC 2
Columbus 2, Houston 2, tie
Los Angeles 2, Colorado 1
Vancouver 1, FC Dallas 0
Portland 1, Sporting Kansas City 0
Philadelphia 1, Chivas USA 0
San Jose 3, Real Salt Lake 1

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Manchester United 4, Everton 4
Liverpool 0, West Bromwich Albion 1
Wolverhampton Wanderers 0, Manchester City 2

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Motherwell 0, Celtic 3
Hibernian 0, Kilmarnock 1

SPAIN

PRIMERA DIVISIÓN

Yesterday's results
Granada 1, Getafe 0
Real Sociedad 1, Villarreal 1
Racing Santander 0, Athletic Bilbao 1
Atletico Madrid 3, Espanyol 1
Valencia 4, Real Betis 0

FRANCE

LIGUE 1

Yesterday's results
Ajaccio 0, Nancy 0
Paris Saint-Germain 6, Sochaux 1
Lyon 3, Lorient 2

ITALY

SERIE A

Yesterday's results
Fiorentina 0, Inter Milan 0
Cesena 2, Palermo 2
Genoa 1, Siena 4
Lazio 1, Lecce 1
AC Milan 1, Bologna 1
Juventus 4, Roma 0

GERMANY

BUNDESLIGA

Yesterday's results
Augsburg 1, Schalke 1
Hannover 0, Freiburg 0

HOCKEY

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PLAYOFFS

At Brno, Czech Republic
Yesterday's results
Bronze Medal
Canada 5 Finland 4 (OT)
Gold Medal
U.S. 7 Sweden 0

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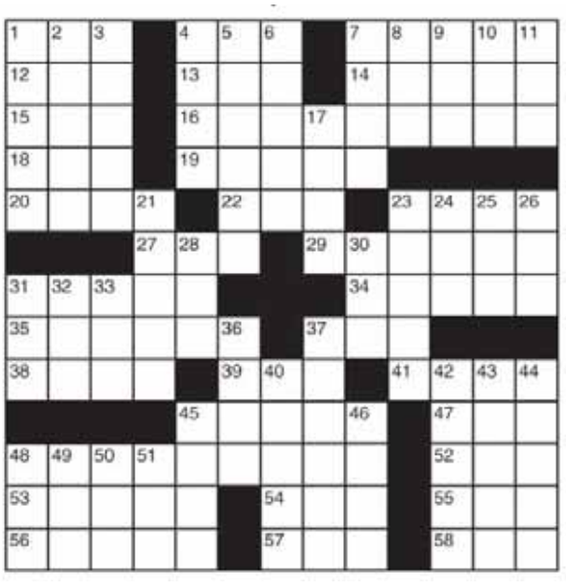
Crossword

Across

1 Foundation
4 PC program
7 Unrefined
12 Inseparable
13 "No seats"
14 Charlie Brown, typically
15 Rd.
16 Star of the show
18 Scepter
19 Poppy derivative
20 Antenna type
22 USN newbie
23 Grit
27 Under the weather
29 Tom Cruise movie
31 Reflection
34 Flora and fauna
35 Astaire/ Rogers film
37 Half a sawbuck
38 Witnesses
39 — -CIO
41 Grand-scale tale
45 Skedaddles
47 Swelled head
48 Hush-hush
52 Jungfrau, e.g.
53 Rigel's constellation
54 Nipper's old co.
55 Country singer David Allan —
56 Pollster's finding
57 Urge
58 Scuttle

Down

1 Enplane
2 Summarizing stanza
3 Gary Cooper role
4 Regarding
5 Drive
6 Visit briefly
7 Untalkative one
8 Jockey Turcotte
9 "Born in the —"
10 Lair
11 History chapter
17 Sculpture of a sort
21 Peak periods
23 Bookbinding piece
24 Past
25 Enthusiast
26 Genetics letters
28 Meadow
30 Kimono closer
31 "Monty Python" opener
32 Larry's pal
33 Gorilla
36 Soft mineral
37 Swindle
40 Staten Island carrier
42 Cobbler ingredient
43 Nome dome home
44 Got by somehow
45 Ward (off)
46 Ollie's partner
48 Youngster
49 Bobby of hockey
50 Slapstick missile
51 Trinity member



Sudoku

		1				2		
	3		4		9		8	
6	5						7	4
		6	9		8	5		
5								9
		4	5		2	6		
8	4						1	6
	1		6		7		9	
		9				3		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's Sudoku

1	5	7	4	3	8	6	9	2
9	2	4	7	6	5	8	1	3
8	6	3	2	9	1	7	4	5
6	7	8	3	1	9	5	2	4
4	3	1	5	2	7	9	6	8
2	9	5	8	4	6	1	3	7
7	1	2	6	5	3	4	8	9
5	4	6	9	8	2	3	7	1
3	8	9	1	7	4	2	5	6

Friday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

EBCCTEUGA PTB NMX PTBI CUQFBIO FMYOG RP M RUA MDMEYMG ROMI, U'X QMDD FNMF M YTXUMY JTIOGF.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU FINELY CHOP UP SOME AFTER-DINNER CANDIES, ONE COULD SAY THAT YOU MINCE MINTS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals D

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. This is a week for getting things done, not fretting needlessly.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Usually you keep your feelings to yourself but over the next few days you will surprise a few people – and maybe yourself – by how easily you open up emotionally.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Enrich yourself and enrich other people too.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Romance is in the air: feel it, breath it, enjoy it.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. If you intend to make major changes this week it will pay you to let partners and loved ones know well in advance.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. The more confident you are the more people you will attract to your side.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. A family or financial matter that has been causing you concern will disappear off your radar today, never to return.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Your one and only priority today is to have a good time.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. If your instincts tell you a certain course of action is right then that is what you must do – even if the rest of the world screams "Don't do it!"

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. The odds may seem stacked against you at the moment but it's an illusion.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You may think that people are talking behind your back, and you may think that someone in authority has got it in for you, but that just shows you think too much.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. If you are the kind of Pisces who needs to be told that you are loved and appreciated then this will be a wonderful day. Almost everyone in your life wants to be nice to you. Why? Because you deserve it, that's why. SALLY BROMPTON

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